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ONE OF THE FIRST COMPANIES IN THE REGION: RHEINSPAN VACCINATES A LARGE PART OF THE WORKFORCE AGAINST COVID-19 – FURTHER VACCINATION CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Germersheim, June 08th 2021 – On Tuesday, June 08th, a large part of the workforce of the Germersheim chipboard manufacturer Rheinspan that was willing to be vaccinated was vaccinated against Covid-19 directly on the factory premises as part of a vaccination campaign. As soon as the company receives vaccine again, another vaccination campaign is planned. The vaccine was produced by Biontech/Pfizer.

"We set up a kitchenette with refrigerators in a double container and vaccinated in turns in two vaccination booths," reports Oliver Strehle, who organised the vaccination campaign as head of the human resources department. "In addition, we created two separate areas in the chipboard warehouse for vaccination education and as an observation room and separated them from each other with chipboard," adds Alexander Burgart, who was also involved in the organisation as warehouse manager. They were also well prepared in case it rained on Tuesday: A tent covered the waiting area in front of the containers. An employee of the Jockgrim chapter of the German Red Cross supported the Rheinspan employees on site.

"A big thank you is due to all those involved who made this organisation possible and ensured that everything ran smoothly", Managing Director Alexander Kolb adds also visibly satisfied. "We would definitely like to repeat this campaign to be able to offer this to all our employees who are willing to be vaccinated. As soon as we get vaccine again, we will organise a second vaccination campaign."

Interested Rheinspan employees were able to register in advance. The company doctor in charge, Dr Elisabeth Müller, gave priority to those over the age of 55. Otherwise, vaccinations were given in the order of registration.

Rheinspan had already worked intensively on the realisation of a company vaccination long in advance and was now one of the first companies in the region to offer such a comprehensive vaccination programme.

About Rheinspan

Rheinspan develops and produces custom-fit chipboard for individual customer needs, which is appreciated by industry and trade throughout Europe. As the oldest family-owned chipboard manufacturer in the world, Rheinspan has over 70 years of experience in the industrial production of chipboard. The first chipboard was produced in 1951 in Rheda-Wiedenbrück, in the Nolte SE group of companies. Since 1973, the company has been active in Germersheim, Rhineland-Palatinate. In 2016, Nolte Holzwerkstoff separated from the Nolte SE group of companies and was managed independently by the Nolte family until 2020. In 2020, Rheinspan GmbH & Co. KG was founded and the previous brand name "Rheinspan" became the company name. The shareholders are the Saviola Group from Italy – known worldwide as the inventor of 100 percent recycled chipboard – and the Nolte family. Rheinspan GmbH & Co. KG currently employs around 200 people at its Germersheim site.

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